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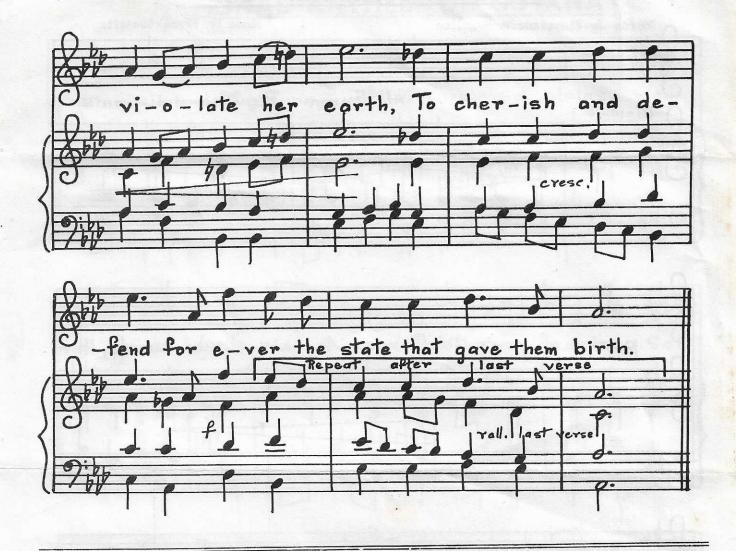
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NATIONAL ANTHEM OF GUYANA

- Dear Land of Guyana, of rivers and plains
 Made rich by the sunshine and lush by the rains;
 Set gem-like and fair between mountains and sea —
 Your children salute you, dear land of the free.
- Green Land of Guyana, our heroes of yore, Both bondsmen and free, laid their bones on your shore; This soil so they hallowed, and from them are we All sons of one mother, Guyana the free.
- Great Land of Guyana, diverse though our strains,
 We are born of their sacrifice, heirs of their pains;
 And ours is the glory their eyes did not see —
 One Land of six peoples, united and free.
- 4. Dear Land of Guyana, to you will we give Our homage, our service, each day that we live; God guard you, great Mother, and make us to be More worthy our heritage - land of the free.

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- From Pakaraima's peaks of pow'r
 To Corentyne's lush sands,
 Her children pledge each faithful hour
 To guard Guyana's lands.
 To foil the shock of rude invader
 Who'd violate her earth,
 To cherish and defend forever
 The State that gave them birth.
- We'll forge a nation's mighty soul
 Construct a nation's frame;
 *Freedom our everlasting goal,
 *Courage and truth our aim.
 Unyielding in our quest for peace
 Like ancient heroes brave,
 To strive and strive and never cease
 With strength beyond the slave.
- Guyana, climb the glorious perch
 To fame, prosperity;
 *Join in the universal search
 For world-wide comity.
 Your people whatsoe'er their breed
 Their hue or quality,
 With one firm never changing creed
 The nation's unity.

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